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SUB: VISIT ASKAR ALI SHAH, EDITOR, KHYBER MAIL, TO U.S.

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1. ASKAR ALI SHAH, EDITOR KHYBER MAIL, PESHAWAR,
CURRENTLY ON PRIVATE VISIT TO CANADA. STAYING WITH RELATIVES
IN VANCOUVER. EMBASSY WILL TRY TO OBTAIN ADDRESS AND
FORWARD TO DEPARTMENT. WE UNDERSTAND HE WILL BE IN BC
UNTIL SEPTEMBER.

2. SHAH OFFERED GIVE LECTURES ON VARIOUS TOPICS SUCH AS
CAUSES OF PARTITION OF SUB-CONTINENT AND THE IMPORTANCE OF THE
"SILK ROUTE". ALSO SUGGESTED SOME CURRENT TOPICS SUCH AS
PAKHTUNISTAN WHICH WILL TOUCH POLITICAL SENSITIVITIES AND
EMBASSY CONSIDERS INAPPROPRIATE.

3. NAME CHECK SATISFACTORY. GOP HAS NO OBJECTION.

4. IF DEPARTMENT CONCURS EMBASSY AGREEABLE TO TWO WEEK
PARTIAL IVP AT DOLS35/DAY AND TRAVEL FROM VANCOUVER TO POINTS
IN U.S. WHERE HE MAY APPEAR UNDER ASIA SOCIETY AUSPICES.
HOWEVER, IF ASIA SOCIETY WILLING COVER EXPENSES THIS WOULD
BE BETTER ARRANGEMENT.

5. SHAH CONSIDERED ONE OF BEST INFORMED NEWSMEN ON
SOCIO-POLITICAL FORCES OF NWFP. HE IS GOOD WRITER AND
SPEAKER.

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